

REMARKS


Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-48 are pending in the Application, claims 27-48 being newly added herein.
New claims 27-48 find a basis throughout the specification, and by way of example, Figures 5 and 6 and their associated description.

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,036. Though no such double patenting rejection based on the related U.S. Patent No. 6,449,030 has been made, Applicant has provided a terminal disclaimer referring to both patents herewith. Applicant submits that the terminal disclaimer obviates the rejection and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

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